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the specification of which  is attached hereto or  was filed on JANUARY 7, 2003 as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application(s):

		Priority Claimed	
PCT/NO03/00002 (Number)	WIPO (Country)	7 JANUARY 2003 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code Section(s) 119 and/or 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 United States Code Section 112 I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status – pending provisional, patented, pending, abandoned)

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